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Photo by Michael Knapik

#### Coming home

Military police from the 759th MP Battalion are welcomed home by family, friends and fellow soldiers Monday at the Post Physical Fitness Center. They returned after a six-month deployment to Bosnia. For more of the story, see page 15.

Staying green a little longer

## Policy changes affect reten-

by Gerry J. Gilmore Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Promotion-eligible specialists will be allowed to complete 13 years of service, and sergeants eligible for promotion to staff sergeant will be able to retire at 20 years of service, according to Army enlisted retention policy changes.

The changes, which become effective April 1, return the retention control points for promotion-eligible specialists and sergeants to pre-drawdown states, according to Sgt. Maj. Jerome L. Pionk, enlisted retention sergeant major, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. The RCP for promotion-eligible specialists was changed from eight years to the current 10 years of service in 1997, he said, and the RCP for promotion-eligible sergeants was changed from 20 years to the current 15 years of service in 1993.

Retention control points indicate mandatory separation from service or retirement dates for junior enlisted soldiers and noncommissioned officers who don't meet the Army's "up or out," promotion rules, Pionk said. Under the new policy, the retention control points for specialists and sergeants

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Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach

### Fit for flight

Soldiers and civilians work together to keep the Fort Carson aviation community flying high and ready to fight. Silhouetted against the morning sky, Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Howard, test pilot for the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, begins his day to run the aircraft through its rigor of maintenance and safety checks. For more of the story, see page 16.

## Commander s

## Soldiers stay for more reasons than money



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"The Mountain
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ranks ..."

Duty, honor and country are three values we, as soldiers, live daily. These values come with service to our Army and Nation. A soldier's, and his family's decision to stay in service is something in which all leaders should be vitally interested. Remember, the thought of reenlistment occurs with the soldiers' first impressions of their unit, mission, and duty station. Other factors including sponsorship, challenging training, family support, counseling, education and quality of life all contribute to positive impressions which influence our soldiers to continue their military careers. Decisions concerning the Army as a profession are formed early and are not easily changed.

The success of our Army Reenlistment Program depends on strong leadership, vigorous command involvement, and aggressive retention programs at all unit and leadership levels. We must stay focused on the wants, needs, and desires of our quality soldiers for them to stay 'Green.'

The Mountain Post and our Army loses something each time one of our quality soldiers leaves our ranks. Without capable soldiers, we cannot maintain a quality Army. The Army Retention Program on Fort Carson is a dynamic program that requires constant attention at all levels of command. This attention to detail impacts the soldiers' career development, the quality of our Army, and our end strength.

What makes our Army the greatest is that our

soldiers are educated, highly trained, motivated, and well informed. Today's soldiers have choices. Our task is to guide the soldier and their families to the right choice. First line supervisors and squad leaders are the main keys in assisting our soldiers in the reenlistment process.

In the past several weeks, Fort Carson has implemented and fielded the Leaders Guide to Reenlistment. This guide arms our NCOs and commanders with current information about the Army reenlistment program, which will enable first line supervisors to talk with their soldiers about continuing their career in the Army. However, the ultimate reenlistment expert is the career counselor. The career counselor knows the ins and outs and can guide the soldier through the reenlistment process.

There are some additional incentives we currently offer at Fort Carson for soldiers who reenlist and remain part of the Mountain Post Team.

Soldiers can request to move from one Major Subordinate Command to another on Fort Carson in conjunction with the Current Station

Stabilization Reenlistment Option. This is a big morale factor for soldiers desiring to stay at Fort Carson.

In addition to this reenlistment option they can participate in the Fort Carson Education Incentive Program. This allows soldiers the opportunity to pursue civilian education goals while stabilized at Fort Carson. Duty days and off duty time are adjusted to allow soldiers to attend college at local education institutions. Flexibility of work and education hours is coordinated with commanders to promote the pursuit of continuing education. See your career counselor for additional information.

The retention of quality soldiers is a challenging and critical issue for our Army and nation. Recently, the focus on retention has led the Senate to approve the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines Bill of Rights. This package will boost

morale and compensate our force for the daily sacrifices they make for our nation.

I would like to mention a few of the fiscal year 2000 initiatives, which include a 4.8 percent across the board basic pay raise, additional target raises of up to 5.5 percent, improvements in the military retirement system, and educational benefits. This plan has wide support, and is currently before the House and Senate Armed Services Committee. Soldiers thinking about reenlisting should focus on these proposed pay and benefit increases as part of their decision process.

Overall, Army benefits are many and include commissary and Post Exchange privileges, medical and dental care, tuition assistance, fitness centers, and recreational centers. Other services available for soldiers and their families include Army Emergency Relief, Army Community Service, and the Religious Center. And don't forget the 30 days annual leave with pay! When soldiers fully understand the quality of life and benefits the Army offers, it can be a major factor in their final decision to stay on active duty.

The Army has 224 years of proud tradition and heritage. We must continue to maintain our high standards by retaining quality soldiers. Fort Carson soldiers reenlist daily to uphold the seven Army values; loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

When soldiers decide to continue their careers, they again demonstrate their patriotism and service to the United States.

We must all value and respect the commitment and sacrifice soldiers make daily. Thank you for your proud service to our Army!

Proud to serve!

Major Gen. John M. Riggs Commanding General

## Road to Honor

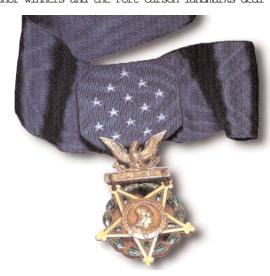
**Honoring:** Joseph Xavier Grant **Rank:** Captain, U.S. Army

Unit: Co. A, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Conflict: Pleiku Province, Republic of

Vietnam

Date of Action: Nov. 13, 1966

This feature in the Mountaineer highlights Medal of Honor winners and the Fort Carson landmarks dedi-



Grant is located west of Funk Avenue in Shoshoni Village.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Company A was participating in a search and destroy operation when the leading platoon made contact with the enemy and a fierce fire-fight ensued. Capt. Grant was ordered to disengage the two remaining platoons and to maneuver them to envelop and destroy the enemy. After beginning their movement, the platoons encountered intense enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire from the front and flank. Capt. Grant was ordered to deploy the platoons in a defensive position. As this action was underway, the enemy attacked, using "human wave" assaults, in an attempt to literally overwhelm Capt. Grant's force. In a magnificent display of courage and leadership, Capt. Grant moved under intense fire along the hastily formed defensive line repositioning soldiers to fill gaps created by the mounting casualties an inspiring and directing the efforts of his men to successfully repel the determined enemy on-slaught. Seeing a platoon leader wounded,

Capt. Grant hastened to his aid, in the face of the mass of fire of the entire enemy force, and moved him to a more secure position. During this action, Capt. Grant was wounded in the shoulder. Refusing medical treatment, he returned to the forward part of the perimeter, where he continued to lead and to inspire his men by his own indomitable example. While attempting to evacuate a wounded soldier, he was pinned down by fire from an enemy machinegun. With a supply of handgrenades, he crawled forward under a withering hail of fire and knocked out the machinegun, killing the crew, after which he moved the wounded man to safety. Learning that several other wounded men were pinned down by enemy fire forward of his position, Capt. Grant disregarded his painful wound and led 5 men across the fire swept open ground to effect a rescue. Following return of the wounded men to the perimeter, a concentration of mortar fire landed in their midst and Capt. Grant was killed instantly. His heroic actions saved the lives of a number of his comrades and enabled the task force to repulse the vicious assaults and defeat the enemy. Capt. Grant's actions reflect great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Army.

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## News

## Fountain hosts first State of the

by Spc. Bryan Beach Mountaineer staff

The City of Fountain held its first ever "State of the Community Address" Tuesday night at the Dean Fleischauer Activity Center in Fountain. Among the speakers for the event was Col. Michael Kazmierski, Fort Carson garrison commander.

"It's really great when you live in a community like this and you have good neighbors," said Sandra Mann, moderator for the event. "It's good neighbors that really make a neighborhood feel like home. For any of us that have lived here for a while, we realize that Fort Carson has been a great neighbor to the Colorado Springs area and the City of Fountain."

Several local organizations set up displays and booths in the lobby outside the auditorium. Citizens of Fountain were able to talk with the representatives of the various organizations and learn more about those programs and activities. Fort Carson's Community Relations Office was also on hand displaying color photos and a video showing clips of soldiers training and the nationally televised Army commercials which were filmed here last summer.

Each speaker was allotted 10 minutes to discuss issues of importance to the city of Fountain.

Kazmierski began his 10 minutes with a video of Fort Carson with up-beat and emotionally charged music. At the conclusion of the video, the crowd gave a load, supportive round of applause.

Kazmierski then asked how many present had some kind of military affiliation. Nearly half the people in the room raised their hand in response.

Kazmierski went on to discuss the top 10 most interesting and important aspects of Fort Carson and its role in the overall Army mission.

After the last speaker finished, the floor was open for questions from the audience.

Some of the questions presented to Kazmierski included a request for more information about the new division, about the status of the privatization of the on post housing program and how the housing program will affect the Fountain and Fort Carson schools.

"I think it went very well. The community here is very pro-military and it was a very easy crowd to talk to," Kazmierski said. "We've had several people come up and say 'We hear you doing things down range sometimes, but we really appreciate Fort Carson.' That means the community understands what we are doing. Fountain has been here for 150 years, we've been here 57 years. We've been neighbors from the very beginning."

"I think the relationship used to be non-existent," said Fountain Mayor Kenneth Barela. "I think the relationship is strengthening though. We understand we are dependent upon one another for a variety of things. Your garrison commander is a strong supporter of our community and school district. We recognize the benefit Fort Carson has on



Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach

Shirley Bailey, a Fountain resident, listens intently to speakers during Tuesday's town meeting in Fountain.

Fountain and we hope you recognize what we add to Fort Carson. We had anywhere from 200 to 250 people come out, and that shows that people are interested in what goes on. I think it was very successful and the turnout was great."

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#### Mountain Post Team MVP



**Rushing and Donja** 

### **MP** awarded El Paso County Sheriff commendation award

This weeks Most Valuable Player is Spc. Clinton Rushing, a dog handler with the 148th Military Police team.

Paso County Sheriff commendation award and medal Feb. 11. Rushing was recognized for his highly effective role in the apprehension of an

armed robbery suspect on the night of August 28, 1998 on Fort Carson. With the help of his dog, Donja, Rushing was able to check the sus-Rushing was awarded the El pect's vehicle while simultaneously continuing with the arrest.

> His quick thinking and actions only show the dedication and pride he has in his job and the Army.

This feature in the "Mountaineer" will spotlight a soldier, Department of the Army civilian, retiree, family member or volunteer each week for an outstanding act or performance. We need nominations to run this feature every week. Each week, the MVP will be selected from nominations from the Fort Carson community. Nominations should include the person's full name, rank or title, what they did that resulted in the nomination and a phone number where they can be reached. The deadline for nominations is 3 p.m. Thursday for the following week's "Mountaineer." Nominations can be faxed to 526-1021 or mailed to:

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What do you do to eat healthy?



Teria Marshall Family member I try and stay away from high cholesterol



Robin Coleman Family member I eat lots of fruits.

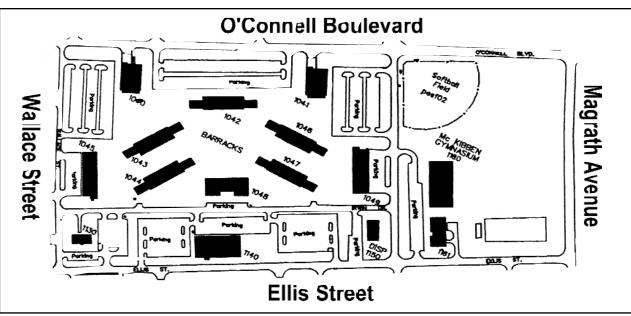


Andrea Valentine Health technician I eat vegetables and fruit.



Sgt. Eric Brown Orthopedic NCO Don teat late at night, exercise and drink plenty of water.

## Community



The map details some of the buildings that will have no heat or hot water if the repairs of hot water lines are not performed during the Easter weekend.

# Soldiers left in the cold during repairs

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson soldiers living on the north side of Prussman Boulevard should enjoy warm rooms and hot showers while they can. Beginning April 2 at 3 p.m., through April 4 at 10 p.m., soldiers will revisit the days when rooms were cool and only cold water was available.

The water system in this area will undergo essential repairs and maintenance requiring the hot water to stop flowing. The repairs and maintenance will

affect buildings in an area bounded by the following streets: south of O'Connell Boulevard — east of Wallace Street — north of Ellis Street — east of Pershing Drive — east of Barkeley Avenue — north of Prussman Boulevard — west of Magrath Avenue, according to Pat Hueman, PAE project manager.

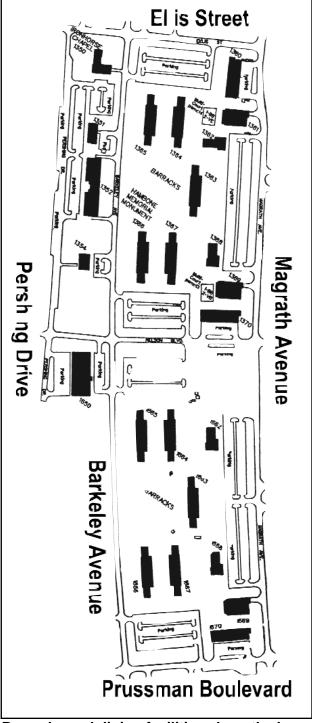
The water system repairs affect the Cheyenne Mountain.
Inn, Mountaineer Inn and the Reserve Component dining facilities, including McKibben Physical Fitness Center and four

buildings in the 8000 area. Hueman said that due to a series of major leaks, the post is losing an excessive amount of hot water each month. This is why it is essential for the work crews to get started soon.

"The deterioration (of the water system) has progressed too much," Hueman said. "We hope to have the problem fixed over the weekend. If not then, we will try it again in the summertime."

PAE will repair water valves

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Barracks and dining facilities along the bannana belt will be affected during the water line repairs.

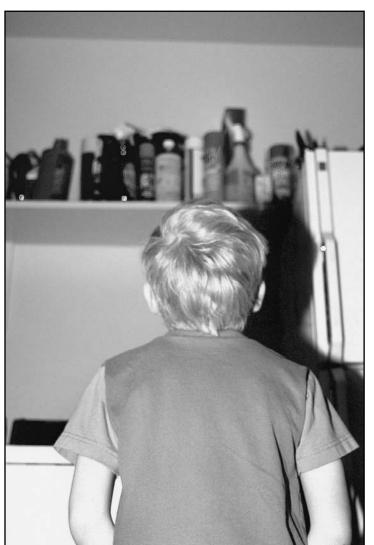


Photo by Sgt. Eric J. Hansen

Poisons and cleansers are inviting to young children who might think they can eat or drink them.

## Poison-proof the home as part of Spring cleaning

by Lt. Col. Paul Reilly Chief, Pharmacy Evans Army Community Hospital

"Poison Proof Your Home." This is the theme for National Poison Prevention Week being observed from Sunday to Saturday.

This week is designated once a year to heighten our awareness of the importance of poison prevention.

Young children are in special danger of poison accidents. They love to explore places where medicines and chemicals may be stored, they get around quickly, are not afraid of hazardous substances, and are not able to read labels and understand warnings. To help in this awareness effort, Evans Army Community Hospital Pharmacy will have a display in the Outpatient Pharmacy

patient waiting area during Poison Prevention Week.

This display will include informational handouts for patients on poison prevention and guidance on what to do if someone is poisoned.

Most deaths from accidental poisoning are the result of accidents in the home.

Accidental drug poisoning or intake of household chemical products causes many of these poison deaths.

All households with young children should have syrup of ipecac in the home in case of a poisoning. This poison treatment product induces vomiting.

It is available through EACH's Well Baby Clinic on a walk-in basis, and from any drug store, without a prescription.

It is important to remember that syrup of ipecac is not

appropriate for all types of poisons.

You should always call the hospital emergency room for guidance before giving syrup of ipecac.

Poison Prevention Week is a good time to remove any old or no longer needed medications from your home.

Patients should bring these medications in to the Hospital Pharmacy for proper disposal.

Leaving such medications in the home increases the chance that they may accidentally poison a child.

Carelessness or unawareness usually causes home poisoning accidents. Remember — prevention is the only sure cure for poisoning. Come by the hospital and dispose of any medications you are no longer using, and pick up information to prevent poisoning in your home.

## Rental property income must be reported to IRS

#### Fort Carson Tax Center

One constant of military life is the frequent opportunity to relocate. Home ownership can often complicate the process of moving from one duty station to another. If you own a home and are moving, you may have to choose between selling your home or converting it into rental property. Whether you convert an existing home into rental property, or simply own rental property, you must include all income earned from rental activity on your tax return.

Rental income is any payment you receive for the use or occupation of your property. All rental income should be reported on Schedule E of Form 1040. In addition to monthly rent payments, payments such as advance rent, cancelled lease fees, and the fair market value of property and services received must be included in taxpayer's gross income.

While rental receipts must be included in your gross income, you may offset your rental income, and in some cases your non-rental expenses and depreciation. Rental expenses are amounts spent for the upkeep and repair of your property. Only those expenses incurred to keep your rental property in good operating condition may be deducted from gross rental income. Repairs must be distinguished from improvements. An improvement adds to the value of

your property, prolongs its useful life, or adapts it to new uses. A taxpayer cannot deduct improvements. Some other deductible rental expenses are: home mortgage interest, real estate taxes, insurance premiums, travel expenses, management fees, and advertising fees.

Depreciation is another expense that may be used to reduce rental income. Depreciation is an annual deduction you can take to recover some or all of what you paid for your rental property. The main factors that determine how much you can deduct/depreciate each year are your basis in the property, the recovery period for your property and the depreciation method used. Your basis in your rental property is usually what you paid for your home or the fair market value of the property when you began to rent it. If you began to rent your home after 1986, the recovery period is 27.5 years and the depreciation system is the modified accelerated cost recovery system. Under this system, taxpayers may take a tax deduction for a portion of the value of their home over a 27.5 year period.

It is common for a taxpayer's combined rental expenses and annual depreciation to exceed their rental income. If your expenses exceed your rental income, and you actively participated in the management of your

rental property, you may be able to use your rental loss to offset other taxable income.

Active participation means you make management decisions such as approving new tenants, reviewing rental terms and approving expenditures. The deductible loss is limited to \$25,000 (\$12,500 if married filing

separately) and is phased out if your adjusted gross income exceeds \$100,000 (\$50,000 if filing separate-

For more information concerning the tax liability associated with your rental property, stop by the Fort Carson Tax Center at building 6264 or call 524-1012 or 524-1013.

#### Tax center check list and times

#### Information, documents needed to prepare a tax return

- \* All W-2s received:
- \* Social Security Numbers for yourself and all dependents; and if relevant:
- \* Form 1099 INT or DIV
- \* Information on child care, IRA contributions, sale of stocks bonds, or mutual funds, and alimony paid
- \* Mortgage interest statement
- \* Any other financial info
- \* Power of Attorney if filing for your spouse

#### Tax center information

Located off Woodfill Road (Across from the Colorado Inn and the Elkhorn Conference Center) in Building 6264

Phone: 524-1012 or 524-1013

Hours of operation

M, T, W, F 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Th 1 to 7 p.m.

7:30 to 9 a.m. reserved for picking up or dropping off forms and other administrative matters only; tax preparation starts at 9 a.m

Dates of operation M - F\*: Today to April 16

Sat\* 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 3 and 10.

\* Not open on federal or training holidays.

#### 1999 Electronic Filing Peak Refund Cycle Chart\* Information derived from IRS Pub. 2043 (Rev. 8/89)

RETURNS ACCEPTED	DIRECT DEPOSIT	PAPER CHECK AND/OR
	(FRIDAY)	NOTICE ISSUED
	NOON CUTOFF	(FRIDAY)
TodayMar. 25 (Noon)	April 2	April 9
Mar. 25-April 1 (Noon)	April 9	April 16
April 1-April 8 (Noon)	April 16	April 23
April 8-April 15 (Noon)	April 23	April 30
April 15-April 22 (Noon)	April 30	May 7

## Commissary; one benefit that gets better with age

#### **Defense Commissary Agency**

Sales of goods from commissary department storehouses to military members began in 1826, when Army officers at specified posts were allowed to make purchases, paying at-cost for their personal use. By 1841, an officer could also purchase for members of his immediate family.

The modern concept of sales commissaries began in 1867, when officers and enlisted men could make at-cost purchases and no geographic restrictions were placed upon these sales. The commissary warehouse at every Army post could be a sales location

The commissary retail function developed and grew, roughly parallel to the development of the retail grocery industry. The commissaries' 82-item stock list of 1868 was comparable to the stock assortment carried by a typical civilian dry goods grocery store at that time. Commissaries kept pace with developments in civilian supermarkets, and today they average 11,000 line items.

The list of eligible shoppers has also grown. Retirees were first allowed to make commissary purchases in 1879. Also, members of the immediate family (including the widow or widower) of an

active-duty or retired military member are eligible shoppers. Reservists and members of the National Guard on active duty have shopping rights too.

Similarly, as the role of the American military grew larger, all the services adopted the Army's idea of a commissary system, tailoring it to their own needs. Between 1909-10, the Navy and Marines began their commissary system. The Air Force inherited its stores from the Army Air Corps in 1947. By the mid-1970s, each of the services ran its own commissary system, with differing procedures and systems.

In 1989, Congress directed the Department of Defense to conduct a study of the separate military commissary systems. The ensuing Jones Commission Report recommended consolidating the service systems into one agency, in order to improve service and save money. As a result, the Defense Commissary Agency was established May 15, 1990, by a memorandum from the deputy secretary of defense. This was the first DoD functional agency consolidation during the post-Cold War cutbacks and downsizing.

Army Maj. Gen. John P. Dreska was appointed the agency's first director by the secretary of

defense in June 1990. A transition team of key commissary functional experts began the consolidation process, which was completed on Oct. 1, 1991, when DeCA assumed full direction and control of the commissary systems on Oct. 1, 1991. Fort Lee, Va., was the headquarters site for the new agency.

After leading DeCA through its initial year of operation, General Dreska retired in 1992 and Army Maj. Gen. Richard E. Beale Jr., became the new director.

Beale retired in 1996 and became the first civilian director of the agency to head its efforts as it transitions into a performance based organization.

Modern commissary patrons include members of the military services, the Reserve and National Guard, military retirees and members of their immediate families. Customers still buy products at cost, with no sales tax. Annual sales now total about \$5.1 billion.

#### **Today's Commissary:**

Commissary patrons in the contiguous 48 states save an average of 29.7 percent on their grocery bills. They receive substantial additional savings

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## Civilian employee fitness program begins

by Spc. Bryan Beach Mountaineer staff

The first group of 30 Department of Army employees who work at Fort Carson began a special fitness program at the Mountain Post Wellness Center March 11. The innovative program is designed especially for DA employees and allows them to take a few hours a week from work to exercise.

"This has been a long time in coming," said Sandra Ensman, health promotion nurse with the wellness center and one of the people instrumental in getting the program started.

According to Ensman, the program is a comprehensive base line fitness and education program. The participants fill out a 'Personnel Wellness Profile' which asks a lot of questions about current health and fitness habits.

The civilian wellness program is a product of the "reinventing government program" created by the Clinton administration, said Frank Aragone, president of the local chapter of American Federation of Government Employees.

"I'd like to encourage all employees to submit suggestions about this and other programs. We want to bring together the wants and needs of employees to make Fort Carson a better place, and programs like this will do just that," said Aragone.

During the afternoon inprocessing, the participants visited several stations where they were tested on various aspects of health and fitness. The stations included measuring height and weight blood pressure, cholesterol, body fat, how many push-ups and sit-ups they can perform, flexibility and heart rate after moderate exercise.

But the program is more than just getting physical, Ensman said. There are also classes on nutrition, stress management and memory improvement.

"Our plan is to do a follow-up examination in six months and again in 12 months, said Lt. Col Laura Kostner, officer in charge of the wellness center.

"We want to keep track of their progress. Are they more flexible or stronger? Will this program help reduce the number of sick days? These are the types of questions we hope to answer. But the important thing to remember is that changing habits is a life-long process. It doesn't happen overnight. In order to help them get started in that process, we're offering lunch-hour lectures once a week for the next six weeks with information that will help in making those changes."

"It's not time off," said Patric Crotty, labor relations officer for the Partnership Council on Fort Carson. "Its a benefit. We're expecting more productivity, and that employees will be sharper and more dedicated as well as feel like they are more a part of a team. This is very much a long term thing. Like Colonel Kostner said, 'It's for the rest of your life.' We owe it to them. They are a big part of the Army team."

The Partnership Council is a decision-making group that represents the majority of the major directorates, unions and the command, Crotty said.

There certainly appears to be a lot of enthusiasm for the program by the participants themselves.

"I think this is a very good thing," said David Sturlaugson, a Directorate of Community Activities employee. "I've been in the service for nine years and haven't ever seen anything like it before. It'll take a little getting used to. I haven't done a push-up



Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach Marlyce Haagenson, chief of retirement services for 4th Personnel Services Battalion, does sit-ups as part of her evaluation.

or sit-up in probably nine years — let me tell you, it was difficult."

"I think it's going to be great," said Diana Veldheer, an employee of the Provost Marshal Office. "No more excuses. I'm geting in shape."

## Engineers to work around the clock

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and replace broken components to fix From Page the leaks, Hueman

said.

Work crews will work around the clock to expedite the repairs and limit the inconvenience to the community, he said.

The project depends on the

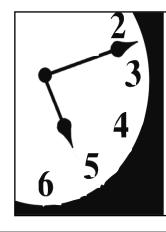
weather forecast, Hueman added. The day temperatures must be at least 45 to 50 degrees and the night lows must be between 25 and 30 degrees.

Department of Public Works will make a decision by noon March 31 whether to go ahead or to delay the work, he said. For

more information, call 377-2006.

Soldiers without hot water in their barracks can shower at Garcia Physical Fitness Center Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or at Waller PFC from 3 to 10 p.m.

The Indoor Pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well.



Only 27 days left until midnight April 15.

# Guest speaker tells of contributions made by women

#### by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner Mountaineer staff

What do Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Eleanor Rossevelt and Carol Mosely-Braun have in common?

They are all political figures who paved the road for women. This year the 64th Forward Support Battalion recognized these women during its program during the Women's History Month at Prussman Chapel March 11.

The program focused on women who have struggled through the years to have their voices heard. Soldiers from the 64th FSB performed skits portraying Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Eleanor Roosevelt

and Carol Mosely-Braun. The guest speaker of the program was Lisa Are', city councilwoman at large, who discussed how she reached the position she currently holds.

Are', who graduated from college at age 31, wanted to make a difference, so she attended city council meetings. When a seat became, available she jumped at the opportunity to serve.

"To make a difference it is fairly easy because not too many people are trying," said Are'.

In April, Are' is leaving her post after four years of service. Her next goal is to become a minster, helping to make a difference in people's lives.



**Courtesy Photo** 

#### Future fish stories ...

David Johnson, Colorado Division of Wildlife, stocks one of Fort Carson's reservoirs with trout Tuesday. Post reservoirs are scheduled to receive approximately 20,000 trout through spring and summer. The reservoirs will be stocked approximately every two weeks throughout the fishing season.

## Volunteers take the reins at Turkey Creek

#### **Turkey Creek Recreation Area**

Some active duty soldiers, their spouses and Department of Defense civilians have been spending their days off getting to know Frost, Tibbs, Sky and Zip. They've been volunteering at Turkey Creek Recreation Area, learning how to properly groom and tack horses for riding programs.

Volunteers can help with any ranch duties that might come up, from unloading hay to working on our Web site. Volunteers mostly help out on the weekends, but TCRA is open Wednesday through Sunday for trail and pony rides and volunteers are welcomed on Monday and Tuesday as well.

Volunteering at Turkey Creek Recreation Area is very rewarding because of the positive impact they, have on people's lives. TCRA volunteers see the soldier who gets the chance to ride a horse for the first time, as well as the smiles on the faces of families who visit for a pony ride and a picnic.

They make a difference to the military community by providing services, which help keep costs down and participation up.

Not only do volunteers make a difference in the lives of others, but also in their own.

The friends they make, human and horse, will always be remembered. Volunteers are really making their time count at Fort Carson because of the contributions they are making to TCRA.

People join our program with no knowledge of horses, and at the end of eight hours, they know all the horses by name and each one's personality. If horses are not your cup of tea, there are plenty of other things that require human power. Help is always needed for our special programs like the

Moonlight Ride, Evening Hay Ride and Sweetheart Ride.

These evening programs require setting up a campsite where participants and volunteers enjoy an outdoor dinner of roasted hotdogs and marshmallows.

Call us to make an appointment for the next

volunteer orientation.

Learn new skills and receive valuable training in First Aid and CPR.

If you are active duty military, see your financial advisor about how volunteer hours can turn into savings on groceries at participating stores.

Call 526-3905 to get involved.

### Commissary continues as a favorite benefit

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Surveys consistently place the commissary privilege as either the most or second-most valued portion of the military's non-pay compensation.

The other (medical care) is undergoing substantial cutbacks, making the commissary ever more important. Many young servicemembers, whose modest pay necessitates their use of food stamps, simply could not make ends meet without the price savings provided by the commissaries.

Savings realized by commissary customers amount to more than double the appropriated cost of running the system. In other words, preserving this level of compensation in direct dollar payments to military personnel would cost the government twice the current fund appropriation.

While commissary employee salaries are taxfunded, the patrons themselves finance commissary construction, maintenance and operating supplies through a five-percent surcharge.

Because of the surcharge, which is paid by every customer on every purchase, the cost of building and maintaining modern commissary facilities causes no burden to the government, or to any taxpayer who is not a commissary shopper. The patrons, in fact, help pay for their commissaries twice —- first as taxpayers, and then again through the surcharge.

Presently, DeCA has more than fulfilled its expectations, producing savings far greater, and in a shorter period of time, than the Jones Commission had projected in 1989. DeCA became a "Pilot Agency" in the National Performance Review's efforts to "reinvent government" by making it more efficient and less costly to the taxpayer.

On Oct. 1, 1996, DeCA became a transitional performance based organization, a designation enabling it to save more money and to produce better service by removing operational restrictions that are outdated or counterproductive. DeCA was the first federal agency to receive this designation. Legislation by Congress is required to establish full PBO status. In 1998, DeCA received a President's Ouality Achievement Award recognizing the agency's commitment to using world class standards to improve customer service and to save tax dollars.

## City Bus schedule

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For more information about City Bus Schedules, call 385-RIDE

## Chapel

#### Holy Week at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel

Palm Sunday Celebration, March 28 at 11 a.m. "Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!" Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7

p.m. "A Living Last Supper. Good Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m. "The Agony of Christ"

Children's Easter Egg Hunt, April

The following

scriptures are rec-

ommended as part

of the common

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to present the

which is designed

entire Bible over a

three-year cycle.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Ironhorse Park Amphitheater (followed by breakfast and Sunday School at SMC.)

**Easter Morning Protestant** Worship and Celebration, April 4 at 11 a.m. Message by Chap. (Col.) Herbert Kitchens.

#### Catholic Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 28, Regular Sunday schedule.

Holy Thursday, April 1, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8 p.m. at SMC.

Good Friday, April 2, Stations of the
Cross, noon at SMC and 7 p.m. at Provider; Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m. at SMC.

Holy Saturday, April 3, The Easter Vigil, 7 p.m. at SMC

Easter Sunday, April 4, Regular Sunday schedule.

### **Chapel Schedule**

**ROMAN CATHOLIC** 

Chapel	Service	Day	Time	Location	Contact Person			
Healer	Mass	Sunday	11 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386			
Healer	Mass	M-W-F	11:45 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386			
Provider	Mass	Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769			
Soldiers'	CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Feldman/526-0478			
Soldiers'	Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769			
Veterans'	Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769			
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Provider	Lutheran	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Brock/526-4416			
PROTESTANT								
Healer	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Jackson/526-7387			
Prussman	SS/Samoan	Sunday	8 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Gibson/526-5803			
Prussman	Prot/Samoan	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Gibson/526-5803			
Provider	Sun. School	Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Duvall/526-4416			
Provider	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stephen/526-4416			
Prussman	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Giles/526-4206			
Prussman	Prot/Gospel	Sunday	11 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Giles/526-4206			
Soldiers'	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626			
Soldiers'	PYOC	Sunday	6:30 p.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Mr. Kayll/526-5229			
Soldiers'	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Cooper/526-8011			
Christopher's	Protestant	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Specker & Prussman	Chap. Jones/524-3423			
Veterans'	Protestant	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. J. Hartranft/524-1822			
Veterans'	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Simo/526-8890			

For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 6227, at 526-5209. For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636. Normally, free child care is available for infants and preschool age children during on-post worship services.

#### • Saturday, Psalms 104 & Luke 4-5

- Sunday, Psalms 105 & Luke 6-7
- Monday, Psalms 106 & Luke 8-9
- Tuesday, Psalms 107 & Luke 10-11
- Wednesday, Psalms 108 & Luke 12-13 • Thursday, Psalms 109 & Luke 14-15
- March 26, Psalms 110 & Luke 16-17

### Religious holidays in March

Eid al — Adha is a holiday celebrated by the followers of Islam. Eid al — Adha (The feast of the Sacrifice) commemorates Abraham's willingness and obedience to sacrifice his son Ishmael to God, and God's mercy in substituting a lamb for Ishmael. This feast is part of the Haj, and takes place on the tenth of Dhu Al-Hijja of the Islamic calendar (March 28.) For those on the Hajj and for many others the day begins with the sacrifice of an animal in commemoration of the Angel Gabriel's substitution of a lamb as Abraham's sacrificial obligation. One-third of the meat is given to the poor, with the remainder shared with neighbors and family menbers. This is a family celebration with good food, gifts for children and general merrymaking.

## Chaplain's Corner

## God meets our needs through life's cycle

#### Commentary by Chap. (Capt.) Richard R. Pacania 64th Forward Support Battalion

During the course of the family life cycle, we experience many of the same events. As we go through these events, we all have special concerns that we know will impact our lives, the lives of our children and the manner in which we conduct our respective life styles. As our professional life cycle goes, for those of us on active duty, we cannot help but have these same concerns impact our family life cycle. For example, even in the course of moving from duty station to duty station, as we get to know other soldiers and their families, part of the cycle of questions is "do you live in on-post housing or do you live in off-post housing?" And then we can not help but also ask, "where is your home?" and for many of us who have been in the military for an extended period of time, we tend to call our "home" either the place where our parents live, the city or town where we enlisted or joined the military, or some of us just state without hesitation, home is where I hang my hat, where my loved ones accept me as hero in spite of all my faults, and where I can relax and enjoy the bliss of "home life" apart from all the seasonal storms outside my front door. At least with an answer like that, we can be assured that a special concern for "home" is met with some security and safety.

Another question that is frequently asked as we get to know one another is "do you have any children?" and "how old are they?" People with children love to talk about our children, and why not?

It most certainly is part of the family life cycle for many, to have children, and of course, some more than others, which means more fun and family to go around. But I think we can all agree, the children are certainly a genuine concern of ours. Not only do we seek to have more than that census statistic of two point four, but we seek to have at least a boy and a girl. And what blessing we have to watch each of them grow, learn to crawl, walk, run, talk, write, and return the abundance of love and joy that we build into each of their lives. These are all valid concerns as we look at the family life cycle.

Living the married life and family life in the military certainly has many unique challenges and opportunities to excel. Several of these concerns usually surface when the latest new reports show what is happening on the other side of the world. Many questions surface during this part of the professional life cycle that have significant impact on the family life cycle. Some questions arise such as "are we being deployed to that part of the world?" Others are "how long will we be gone this time? And for many, "If there is an emergency in my family, can I return to assist my family?"

Chances are, if you have been in the military more than 18 months, you have asked the questions several times, or maybe your spouse has asked them many times. Anxiety seems to be the order of the day and answers that satisfy intense curiosity seem to be the only calming influences during this slice of the pie that makes up part of the whole family life cycle in the military profession.

I think a significant question of any family life cycle, whether that family is a veteran of a decade and a half of the military adventure or a valued certified public accountant whose spouse just happens to be chairman of the board of the largest corporation on the eastern slope, is "when do we make the change, from what we are doing now to make a living and provide the love and care of our children as we see the need?"

Change is certainly a significant event in all of our lives, our family life cycle and our professional life cycle. Just as our family changes, so do our family needs change. As our professional lives change, so do our professional goals and desires change.

Having said all of that, I think I can share one something that does not change, and that is the Creator of us all, God the Almightly, who knows all about the family life cycle and the abundance of blessings that each phase experiences as well as the deluge of storms that also drift to every family. The fact that God knows what our needs are and then faithfully meets those needs is of the greatest assurance. God will see us all through the changes that occur during the cycles of life, the changes of assignments, as well as the growth of our children to the point of giving them over to adulthood and watching them, too, experience all that life has to offer. That is the point I am trying to convey, "God knows our beginning and ending" and He is in control always.

May you experience His peace and protection always.

## Where and When

#### **Directorate of Community Activities**

#### facilities

Physical fitness centers/swimming pools

• Garcia PFC ph: 526-3944 or 526-5785 M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5

p.m. • **McKibben PFC** ph: 526-2597

M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays 6 a.m.-1 p.m. • Waller PFC ph: 526-2742

M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays 3-10 p.m.

• Mountain Post PFC ph: 526-2411

M, T, W, F 6:30-9:30 a.m. (Open for after-PT showers only) • Forrest FC ph: 526-2706

M-F 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 10-5 p.m., Sat. 8-10 a.m.

Women only. • **Post PFC** ph: 526-1023 or 526-1024

M, T, W, F 6-9 a.m./ women only Sat. 8- 10 a.m. and Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and holidays closed

• Indoor Swimming Pool ph: 526-3107

M-F 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m./weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. M, T, Thu, F: lap swimming 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m./open swimming 1-5 p.m. and 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays: lap swim 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m./open swim 1-5 p.m.

and 8-9:30 p.m.

Weekends and holidays: swimming lessons 10-10:30 a.m./lap swim 11-noon/ open swim noon- 6 p.m.

Outdoor Swimming Pool closed

#### Miscellaneous

• Post Commissary, building 1525, ph: 526-5505 M, T, Thu, and Fri from 9 a.m.-8 p.m; Sat from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and Sun from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Wed.

• Grant Library, building 1528, ph. 526-2350 M-Thu 11 a.m.-8 p.m./Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m./Sat and Sun 10

a.m.-6 p.m. • Multi-Craft Center, building 2200, ph: 526-0900 W-F 1-8:30 p.m./Sat, Sun and holidays 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • AutoCraft, building 2427, ph: 526-2147

W-F 1- 8:30 p.m./Sat, Sun and holidays 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m./ M-

•WoodCraft Centers, building 2426, ph:526-3487 M-T closed/ Wed. 1-7 p.m./ Sat and Sun 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course, ph: 526-4122

M-Sun 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

#### Divots Grill

M-F 10 a.m.-2 p.m./Sat 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

• Community Thrift Shop, building 1008, ph: 526-5966 T, W, Thu 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m./ F- M closed

• Turkey Creek Recreation Area, ph: 526-3905 W-F 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m./Sat and Sun 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m./office hours: W-Sun 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

• Information Tour & Travel, building 1532, ph: 526-5366 M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat 9 a.m.-1 p.m./closed Sun and holidays • Carlson Wagonlit Travel, building 1532, ph: 576-5404 M, W, Thu, F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Tues 9 a.m.-5 p.m./weekends and holidays closed

Outdoor Recreation Complex, building 2429, ph: 526-

M-Sun 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m./holidays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
• **Pueblo Deli** (Elkhorn), building 7300, ph: 576-6646

M-F 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m./closed weekends and holidays • Fatz Pool and Darts, building 1129, ph: 526-4693 T-Thu 11:30 a.m.-midnight/Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-2 a.m./Sun 1 p.m.-midnight/Mon closed

• The Bowling Center, building 1511, ph: 526-5542 Sun -Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m./Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-1 a.m. • Youth Center, ph: 526-2680

M-Thu 3-8 p.m./Fri 3-9 p.m./Sat 1-9 p.m. closed Sun & holidays



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable channel 10, today to March 26.

Mountain Post Magazine: includes stories about Fort Carson and the Colorado Springs area. Airs at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and midnight.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on the avalanche in Austria, the Armed Forces boxing tournament and an international airborne jump. Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on the Global Hawk project, preparing for Y2K and unmanned aerial vehicle tests. Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories

on the USS Nebraska, the new air traffic controller computer for aircraft carriers and what's new for fire fighting aboard ships. Airs at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Community Calendar airs between program showing times.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign language news broad-

If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on channels 9 or 10, please contact Douglas Rule at 526-1241 or via email at

RuleDo@carson-exch1.army.mil.

Call Kim Tisor or Spc. Randy Tisor at 526-1169 if you have ideas for Mountain Post Magazine.

Contact the Regional Training Support Center for showing of training videotapes only on channels 9 or 10 at 526-5111.

Submit typewritten requests for additions to the Community Calendar to Public Affairs Office, room 135, building 1430, Fort Carson, Colo., 80913, or fax them to 526-1021.

#### **Army and Air Force Exchange** Service facilities

Barber/Beauty Shops

• Ivy Troop Store Barber Shop, building 2355 M-F 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m./weekends and holidays, closed

• Prussman Troop Store Barber Shop

M-F 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m./weekends and holidays, closed • Barber Shop, building 1161

M-F 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m./weekends and holidays closed • Evans Beauty Shop, building 7500, ph: 540-0462

M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m./weekends and holidays, closed • Post HQ Barber Shop, building 1430

Mon only 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed holidays but open next business day) Welcome Center Barber Shop, building 1218

Mon and Thu only 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
• Main Store Mall Barber and Beauty Shops, building 6110, ph: 576-6459

M-Sat 9 a.m.-7 p.m./Sun and holidays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Mini Mall Barber Shop, building 1510, ph: 576-8013 M-F 7 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m./Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed holidays

Shoppettes/service stations

• "B Street" Shopette, building 900

M-F 5 a.m.-midnight/weekends 6 a.m.-midnight

Service Station, building 1515

M-F 6 a.m.-7 p.m./Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m./Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Alterations

• Military Clothing Sales Store, building 307, ph: 576-4516 M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat 9 a.m.-3 p.m./closed Sun and holidays • Mini-Mall, building 1510, ph: 576-4304 M-Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m./closed holidays

• Burger King (Specker), building 1520

M-F 6 a.m.-9 p.m.(drive-thru until 10 p.m.)/Sat 7 a.m.-9 p.m. (drive-thru until 10 p.m.)/Sun 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

• Kentucky Fried Chicken, building 1533, ph: 579-8237

M-Sun 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Class Six, building 1524

M-Sat 9 a.m.-9 p.m./Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Class Six Annex, building 3572

M-Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m./closed Sun

 Laundromat, building 6089 M-Sun 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

• Car Rental, building 980, ph: 527-4744

M-F 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat 9 a.m.-2 p.m./closed Sun

• TV Repair/U-Haul, building 1008, ph: 579-9344

M-F 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m./Sat 8 a.m.-noon/ closed Sun and holi-

• **Sprint Office**, ph: 579-7463 M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m./closed Sun and holi-

days • Main Store Mall, building 6110

M-Sat 9 a.m.-9 p.m./Sun and holidays 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (Flower Shop, Vitamin Expo, Optical Shop and AT&T

Main Store Mall Espresso Cart

M-F 8 a.m.-3 p.m./Sat and Sun 8 a.m.-4 p.m./closed holidays Mini Mall, building 1510

M-Sat 9 a.m.-11 p.m./Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and holidays (Shoe

Repair and Engraving Shop) • Mini Mall Laundry, building 1510 M-Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m./closed holidays

## Military

## 759th MPs return from Hungary, Croatia region

#### by Cecile Cromartie Mountaineer staff

One hundred and sixty-six soldiers from the 759th Military Police Battalion returned from Bosnia to a welcome home celebration at the Post Physical Fitness Center Tuesday night.

The soldiers served support with the National Support Element for the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Hungary and Croatia.

"We were there as support for the NSE. Primarily, we gave maneuver and mobility support and area security. But to secure designated convoys is absolutely the most critical thing that they do — for the safety of the supplies, for the equipment and for the soldiers," said Maj. Thomas Cioppa, executive officer of 759th Military Police Battalion.

"A typical mission would take 14 hours and two MP squads. The best thing about it — and this can be attributed to training — was there were no accidents, no losses of life and no injuries. Everything went safely which is a real attribute to the soldiers," said Cioppa.

The status of the mission and soldiers was known daily through email, said Col. Robert J. Hauser, Jr., commander 43rd Area Support Group.

According to Cioppa, the outcome of the mission was a success.

"They did great. They received praise from the commander of the National Security Element and the commander of the 1st Cavalry Division. Everybody had praises for the soldiers we sent there. That also includes the host nation, Hungary," Hauser said.

To prepare for this mission, the soldiers went through extensive training and preparation, said Cioppa.

"They went to Fort Hood for individual readiness training and they conducted extensive training here which culminated in squad certification. They had to be certified on their specific military police tasks that were critical to ensure that they could accomplish their mission in theater," Cioppa said.

By providing efficient and effective service to the nation, the soldiers of the 759th MP Battalion positively represented not only themselves but Fort Carson and the U.S. Army, he said.

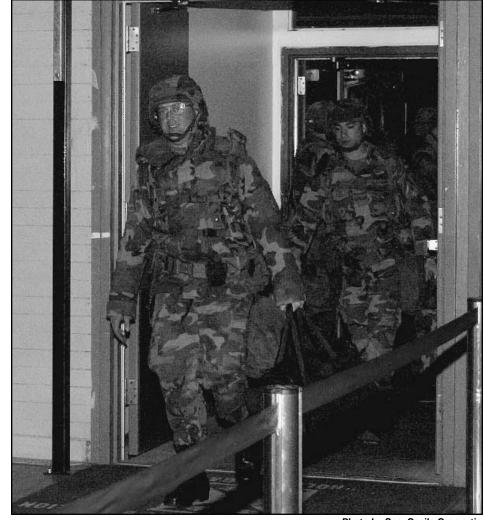


Photo by Spc. Cecile Cromartie

Soldiers from the 759th Military Police Battalion return to Fort Carson where a welcome home reception awaited them Tuesday.

#### Celebrating Women's History Month

## 68th Battalion Commander discusses leadership philosophy

#### by Spc. Cecile Cromartie Mountaineer staff

The walls of her office are covered with the awards and commendations she has received over years of military service. But to Lt. Col. Jan M. Berry, the 68th Corps Support Battalion commander, a successful career is not one determined by the number of awards received, coins earned or the responsibility of leading an entire battalion. She has received her sense of accomplishment by being a positive influence to the soldiers she has served with throughout her 21 years of military service.

Berry has been the commander of the 68th CSB since May 1998. As the battalion commander of such a multifarious unit, one of her concerns is the individual soldier and their performance, she said.

"Anytime you get to serve at this level, with super troopers, you can't help but enjoy what you're doing. It's a very large battalion; with a lot of moving parts and a lot of people going in a lot of different directions. But missions are accomplished because I have good soldiers who understand the philosophy under which I command and they're doing a great job," Berry said.

Concerned with the soldiers' outlook on life and the Army, Berry has developed a philosophy that can guarantee success, she said.

"There are two fundamental points of departure in my philosophy. First, I think soldiers get up every morning, look in the mirror and say 'I wonder how I'm going to be successful today.' They basically think about how they can do good things. I have a hard time imagining anybody getting up, brushing their teeth and looking in the mirror and saying 'gosh, I wonder how badly I can screw up my life today.' I believe at the end of the day, the things that make the difference between the heroes and the yahoos is positive leadership and a positive work environment," Berry said.

But positive leadership and a positive working environment aren't the only two things that should enable a soldier to succeed, she said.

"The other part of my philosophy is that I believe soldiers ought to do what's right because it's the right thing to do. I don't think a soldier should be looking for me to pin a medal on their chest or slap them on the back and tell them they're a great American. I think they ought to do it because of the good feeling that comes from doing the right thing. Generally, soldiers are motivated to do the right thing. They just need somebody to point it out," Berry said.

To motivate 68th CSB soldiers to do the right thing, Berry encourages all new people in the battalion to attend a newcomer's brief, she said.

"Every soldier in my battalion comes to a newcomer's brief. We talk about my philosophy of command. We talk about the units and the mission and we talk about how to be successful. We do this in hopes that we get the soldier, from the beginning, focused in the right area. That area being success," Berry said.

At the beginning of Berry's career she was like many of her own soldiers who often need stern and positive guidance, she said.

"In 1980, my pilot in command came in and said 'you've got to do something with your life I'm not just going to let you fly as a crew, I want you to go out there and decide what you want to do within the Army.' So I put in a packet to go to officer candidate school and I was accepted. I was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the quartermaster corps," Berry said.

In 1978, when Berry joined the Army, she never envisioned herself as a commander. She graduated in the last class of the Women's Army Corps and never imagined herself as a senior ranking officer, she said.

After two decade of life in the Army she has earned more than she expected. From a flight crew member to the responsibility of the lives of more than 900 people.

"What inspired me to stay (in the Army) early on was the sense of camaraderie and the bigger than self responsibilities — the part of being a team and feeling good about what we do day in and day out," Berry said.

"The same thing that draws me to this battalion is the same thing that drew me to the Army over 20 years ago. That sense of camaraderie. It's probably a mixture of patriotism, a sense of doing something that's bigger than yourself and being part of an organization that is committed to preserving the freedoms that we experience day in and day out," she added.



Photo by Spc. Cecile Cromartie

Presenting awards to deserving soldiers is a highlight of the job, says Lt. Col Jan M. Berry. Here she presents Master Sgt. David Craft the Meritorious Service Medal for 24 years of military service.

### I can hear the choppers hovering ...

by Spc. Bryan Beach Mountaineer staff

There are some things in life which simply can't be taught in a book or found on the Internet. It's experience. Nothing can compare to experience, and with something as complex and intricate as UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, it takes more than book knowledge and a schematic to get the job done — it takes people with experience. That's where the Installation Aircraft Maintenance Branch comes in.

The IAMB falls under the Directorate of Logistics' maintenance department and operates at Butts Army Airfield. The mission: provide back-up support to the Fort Carson aviation community, said Ron L. Vaughn, aircraft maintenance supervisor for the aviation branch of DOL.

The helicopter is a miracle of modern technology and mechanics. Unlike a plane with wings which "floats" on the air, a helicopter doesn't naturally fly. It is made to fly with sheer power over natural forces.

According to Vaughn, most of his employees have 30 years experience or more working in the aviation field, and that experience is a valuable asset for soldiers and their training.

"We're learning a lot," said Sgt. Douglas Robichaurd, team leader for Maintenance Platoon, T Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. "Normally we do (maintenance) by ourselves, but working over here is working out well. I personally would like to see a lot more of this."

"The civilians are very knowledgeable," said Spc. Chad Simpson,

Maintenance Platoon team member. "They do this every single day. They don't have duty or have to go out in the field like us and that gives them an advantage. But, I guess its all a part of being a soldier."

Fort Carson has about 75 aircraft in its aviation arsenal, all of which need routine and preventive maintenance. Every helicopter has to be "phase tested" after approximately 500 hours of flight time. With all the moving parts of the helicopter, wear and tear is simply unavoidable.

The phase test includes a check of all the main systems of the helicopter; including the electrical, hydraulics, avionics, prop and rotor, exterior body and engine systems.

"It's always something different," said Joe Cintas, avionics maintenance. "Rarely is it the same problem twice. That's what makes this job fun and challenging. Sometimes the problem is so simple to correct — but, like they say — sometimes you can't see the forest for all the trees."

According to Vaughn, there's a lot to know about modern helicopters.

"Aircraft are getting so sophisticated. We've come from the old days where pilots flew by the seat of their pants to now — where an aircraft can almost fly by itself. Pilots really have to know what they are doing, but so does the maintenance crew," Vaughn said.

"There is nothing cheap about helicopters," Vaughn added. "Anytime you say aviation, it nearly triples the money. Aircraft need bolts and things made out of titanium and other alloys. We've got

\$321 million in (special aviation) tools alone. Add another \$50,000 for 'normal' tools and that's what we need just to do the job."

There are three levels to the maintenance of helicopters in which IAMB either assists or does: unit level, intermediate level and depot level.

Unit level maintenance is performed by soldiers of the 571st Medical Company and seven troops of the 3rd ACR.

The intermediate level of maintenance is done by K Company, 158th Aviation, and handles more complex repairs as well as overflow from other Fort Carson units. The depot level of repair is the major work that needs to be done. Usually the parts are shipped to an Army depot or the manufacturer for repair, but sometimes IAMB is able to put in a request to do the work themselves, saving Carson and the units money in shipping costs, said Vaughn.

Although aviation maintenance is expensive, IAMB has found several ways to save Fort Carson money. Just within the past four weeks, IAMB has saved Carson over \$191,000 in aircraft component repairs by doing depot-level maintenance, not to mention the time saved.

Another important role of IAMB is the recovery of downed aircraft within a seven state area. It also provides support for the National Guard units of Colorado.

"All of my people are proud of what they do and take their jobs seriously," Vaughn said. "They're real pros and we're here to support soldiers in both training and in war."



**Soldiers from Maintenance** work on a UH-60 Black Haw



Maurice Rutrough, aircraft h



Photo by Spc. Chad Simpson

Specialist Jacob Salazar, Maintenance Platoon, T Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, checks the bottom of the transmission of a Black Hawk as part of the phase testing which all aircraft must have performed after approximately 500 hours of flight time.



A UH-60 Black Hawk sits near the flight line ready to down and put back together.



Photo by Spc. Chad Simpson Platoon, T Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, k at Butts Army Airfield Monday.

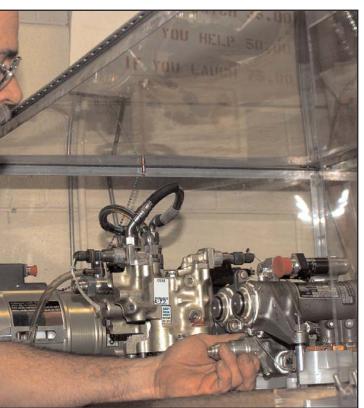


Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach nydraulics, checks the test system he built.



Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach go through ground system checks after being torn

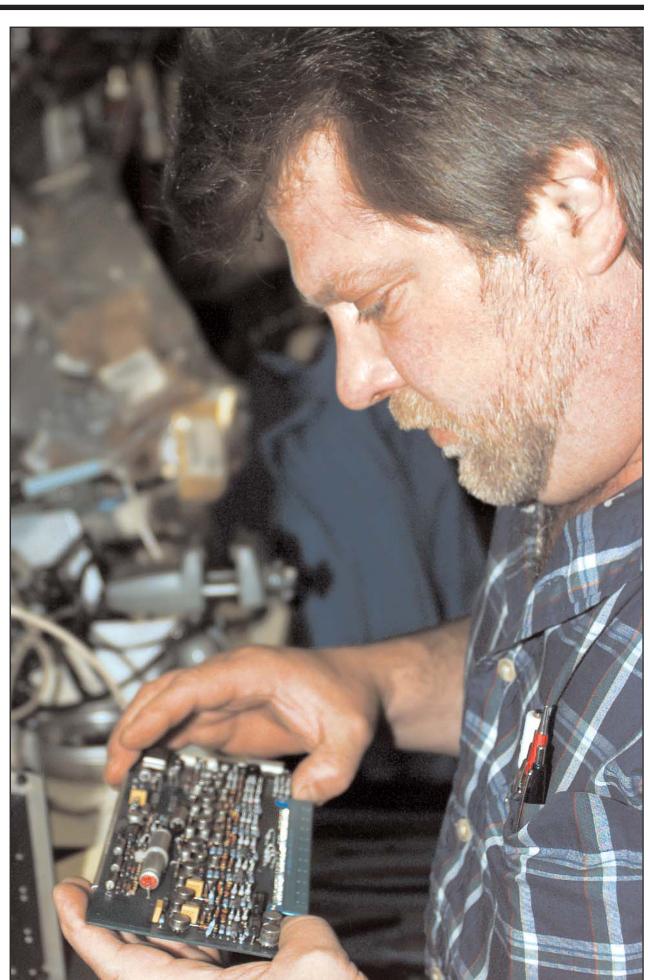


Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach Mike Pearson, aircraft electrical and instrument repair, checks the circuits of the master caution advisory panel which notifies pilots of system malfunctions.



Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach Neal Marsh, turbine engine repair, uses wire to secure moving parts before making repairs. The Black Hawk engine operates on a continuous burn, reaching temperatures of up to 2500 degrees Fahrenheit.

## RCP changes allow soldiers to stay longer

Policy
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junior enlisted soldiers and noncommissioned officers

who don't meet the Army's "up or out," promotion rules, Pionk said. Under the new policy, the retention control points for specialists and sergeants who haven't appeared before promotion boards (non-promotable) remain the same at 10 years and 15 years, respectively, he said.

With the drawdown complete, Pionk said, the Army no longer needs to pare large numbers of promotioneligible enlisted soldiers as it did during the early '90s.

Additionally, the current lean recruiting environment is making each soldier already on active duty that much more valuable in the eyes of Army personnel planners.

"(Changing the retention control points) is the right thing to do, from a mid-career point of view, because we are now experiencing some shortages of specialists, sergeants and staff sergeants," Pionk said.

"(Prior to the drawdown) 13 years was the point we found that if soldiers hadn't made sergeant, then they'd probably lost all avenues of getting promoted. (Promotion-eligible specialists) who are held up from making sergeant aren't necessarily 'bad' soldiers.

"Many are good soldiers who've been either held up (for promotion) for being in an over-strength military occupational specialty for quite awhile.

"(Concerning) sergeant promotables going to 20 years, that was also an old policy in effect prior to the drawdown ... Again, these are pretty good soldiers; we anticipate most of them will make staff sergeant."

Pionk noted the Army had to make some hard personnel decisions during the 1991-97 drawdown.

"It was purely a manpower ques-

tion; the Army was coming down from 770,000 soldiers to around 480,000," he said.

"The Army is now at the steadystate at which it needs to be. Now we need an even flow of specialists, sergeants, staff sergeants, sergeants first class, master sergeants and sergeants major.

"The only way we can do that is to allow soldiers to stay longer ... to enable them to get promoted to their maximum efficiency," Pionk said.

Army efforts to keep good soldiers in uniform haven't been limited to junior enlisted soldiers or junior NCOs, Pionk said.

On Jan. 1, the Army raised the retention control points for master sergeants and first sergeants from 24 to 26 years.

Pionk said the Army has changed considerably since he joined up in 1970.

In that larger, draft-based,

Vietnam War-era Army, he said, enlisted soldiers could be "busted" and then regain their rank and specialists could retire at 20 year's service.

With the inception of the modern Volunteer Army in 1973, and tighter retention policies adopted in the '80s, soldier-quality was improved across the force, Pionk said.

Changing personnel policies can pose a challenge to soldiers who haven't planned their careers, Pionk

Planning a long-term career in today's ever-changing Army, he added, may necessitate some flexibility on soldiers' parts.

"Ideally, all soldiers, (with help from) leaders, career counselors ... should take a proactive look at the long-term (promotion) outlook in their MOS, (and) try to determine ... the best opportunities to realize their full potential and get promoted," he said.

## Soldiers at schools can take PT test twice

by Gerry J. Gilmore Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Enlisted troops attending leadership courses and schools now have two tries to pass the Army Physical Fitness Test.

The new policy took effect Feb. 1 in conjunction with the Armywide implementation of new physical training standards, said Maj. John A. Hughes, a training officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. Under the old policy, Hughes said, soldiers who took and failed the PT test once were sent back to their units.

Taking the APFT is now a graduation requirement instead of an entrance requirement for enlisted soldiers attending leadership courses, according to Command Sgt. Maj. John Beck, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's command sergeant major.

"(Taking the APFT) is (now) like any other academic requirement soldiers are required to meet (in order to) graduate from a course," Beck said. "Whereas, if you fail (a test) once, you are given an opportunity to re-take that test.

"When taking the APFT was an enrollment requirement, and this was most-often at PLDC (Primary Leadership Development Course), there was no record of soldiers even getting into the school. Now, taking the APFT becomes part of a soldier's record while attending leadership schools."

Under the old policy, PT-challenged soldiers or NCOs could attend a leadership course or school more than once, Beck said. This situation, he said, essentially provided a "pass" for out-of-shape soldiers, and unintentionally discriminated against those soldiers physically prepared to take the course.

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## Soldiers, civilians can enter joint warfighting essay contest

by Sgt. 1st Class Connie E. Dickey Army News Service WASHINGTON

Soldiers and civilians can compete in the sixth annual Colin L. Powell Joint Warfighting Essay Contest and earn up to \$2,500 in prize money.

Entries must be postmarked on or before April 1 in this essay contest sponsored by the U.S. Naval Institute.

Essays should be about combat readiness in a joint context with persuasive discussions of tactics, strategy, weaponry, combat training, force structure, doctrine, operations, organization for combat, interoperability of hardware and procedures or other issues involving two or more services.

Entries may be heavy in Army detail, officials said, but must have joint application. Maximum length is 3,000 words, but shorter pieces or professional notes of 2,000 words may also be competitive, they said.

Essays must be original — not previously submitted or published. An exact word count must appear on the title page.

The essays must be typewritten, double-spaced, on paper approximately 8 inches by 11 inches.

Entrants must assign a motto in addition to the title to the essay and both should appear on the title page, but the author's name should not appear on the essay.

The motto should also appear by itself on the outside of an accompanying sealed envelope containing a sheet of paper with the author's name, address, telephone, social security number and short biography, the title of the essay and the motto.

Entries should be sent to; Colin L. Powell Joint Warfighting Essay Contest, U.S. Naval Institute, 291 Wood Road, Annapolis, MD 21402-5035.

The authors of the three best essays are awarded cash prizes of \$2,500, \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively. Winning essays will also be reprinted in the September issue of Proceedings. For more information, call the Naval Institute at (410) 295-1058.

#### **Public Notice:**

With deepest regrets to the family and friends of Sgt. Terry C. Dobson, deceased anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Kelly L. Turner, summary court officer, at 526-7154.

## Second chance at PT test makes sense

From Page 19 Additionally, the Army was spending money to send the same soldiers to the same school twice.

"Before, you'd have some soldiers taking a PT test at the Basic Noncommissioned Officers' Course, fail it, and be returned to their units. Nothing (at the unit level) would happen and they'd be back at BNCOC six month's later," Beck said.

According to an ODCSOPS message, the new policy affects enlisted soldiers attending the following leadership courses and schools:

Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course;

Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Course; Phase I Common Leader Training (for reserve

component BNCOC/ANCOC); Battle Staff NCO Course;

First Sergeant Course;

Non-resident Sergeants Major Course;

Warrant Officer Candidate School;

Warrant Officer Advanced Course:

Warrant Officer Staff Course, and;

Officers' Candidate School.

The policy change requires soldiers attending the above courses to take the APFT within 72 hours of enrollment, according to the message.

If the soldier fails the initial APFT, then the soldier will be provided one retest, not earlier than three days after the initial APFT or later than 10 days, during the academic portion of the course.

Soldiers attending other professional development courses not mentioned above, in either a permanent-change-of-station or temporary duty status, and any other resident course eight weeks or longer, must pass the APFT to graduate.

Beck acknowledged that some soldiers attending leadership courses and schools in the past might have been at a disadvantage under the old, one-test APFT policy.

For example, he said, soldiers stationed in farflung locales like Korea who take basic or advanced NCO courses in the states most likely would be weary from travel, and therefore need some time to rest up for a PT test, or be allowed to re-test at a later date.

"I would like to think that we're not going to put soldiers in a situation where they are subject to failure — we want to train and prepare our NCOs to be successful," Beck said. "If you fly somebody halfway around the world and then make them take a PT test within eight hours of getting off the airplane ... I mean, it is just common sense."

Today's Army NCO Corps is "the best-ever," said Beck, who entered the Army in 1969.

"The NCOs we are producing today are better in the tactical and technical application of their skills than those 30 years ago," Beck said.

"I think we're putting out a good (NCO) product; not that we can't always refine our methods of developing leaders."

Today's NCOs are also in good physical shape, Beck said. Any concerns that the recently adopted upgraded PT standards might be harder to meet or "max," will soon dissipate, he said.

"When I came into the Army we were doing a five-event PT test," Beck said. "When we changed to the three-event PT test, which I think was in the early '80s, a lot of the Army said 'There go our PT standards.'

"I think our fitness level as an Army improved when we went from a five-event to a three-event PT test. But, all you have to do with soldiers is explain the standard ... they'll learn it and will perform at the standard. So, I don't see the new PT standards as any sort of issue, at all.

"In three year's time, or less, everybody will be used to the new standards," he concluded.

## \$how me the money

## Tips for handling a variety, type of loans

by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Powell Command Financial Noncommissioned Officer

I have encountered many different financial situations. However, each situation seems to be different in one way or another. Here are some tips on what to do when handling certain types of loans:

Car loans: If you can't make payments for a few months, some lenders will let you skip payments or make smaller payments. The unpaid amount will be added to the end of your loan. Another option is to sell your car, buy a cheaper one, and use the savings to pay bills.

**Mortgages:** The last thing you want to do is lose your house. If you absolutely cannot pay the full amount each month, contact your lender to see if you can work out a different payment plan for a few months.

**Credit cards:** Contact your creditors to see if you can pay just the interest each month until

you're back on track. Ask to have late payments waived on these smaller payments.

**Medical bills:** Most doctors' offices and hospitals will let you make small monthly payments if you are in a bind. Confirm payment arrangements in writing and send something each month, even if it's just a few dollars.

Federal student loans: Call 1-800-433-3243.

If you ignore your bills, your creditors' will first notify you that your payments are late. If you ignore these notices, your account will probably be turned over to a collection agency, which will try to get you to pay the bill, or agree to a payment schedule. If you can't or don't pay, you may be sued.

If you are sued, you will have to go to court and tell your side of the story. If you lose and still don't pay, the creditor may be able to get money from your bank account or have it taken from your paycheck. You may even have a lien placed on your home or other property, which means it could be taken and sold.

As someone was once quoted as saying, "When a fellow says, 'It ain't the money, but the principle of the thing,' it's the money."

When a debt collector call, under the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, debt collectors cannot: 1. Call you at unreasonable hours (usually before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m., your time); 2. Call you at work if you've asked them not to; 3. Discuss your debt with anyone else not legally responsible for it, including your family; 4. Require you to send a post-dated check; 5. Threaten violence against you, your family or your property; 5. Call you repeatedly just to harass you; or 6. Use obscene language.

However, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act does not apply to a lender trying to collect its own debt like, a department store collecting money you owe on its credit card.

## Dining Schedule

#### **Weekday Dining Facilities**

3rd ACR Cav. House (building 2461)
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
3rd BCT Iron Brigade (building 2061)
3rd BCT Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)
43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
10th Special Forces Group (building 7481)
Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)

#### **Standard Meal Hours**

 Mon., Tue., Wed. and Fri.
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 Breakfast 7:30 to 9 a.m.
 5:

 Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 11:

 Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.
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**Thurs.** 5:30 to 7 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

#### Week of Saturday to March 26

#### **Exceptions**

- 10th SFG meal hours are the same Monday to Friday, but do not apply on Thursdays. No dinner served on Friday.
- Mountaineer Inn and Butts Army Airfield are open for breakfast and lunch only, Monday through Friday.
- Patton House closed dinner meals Thursday.

#### Weekend Dining Facilities/Meal Hours

3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161) 3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061) 43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)

#### New meal hours

**Breakfast** 8 to 10 a.m.

**Lunch** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Dinner** 4 to 6 p.m.

#### **Standard Sunday Meal Hours**

**Brunch** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Supper** 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Family members are invited for all brunch meals.

## Sports & Leisure

## Army wins wrestling champic

#### by Walt Johnson Mountaineer staff

The Army wrestling team got a clutch performance from its heavy-weight competitor to capture the 1999 Greco Roman competition and sweep the championships at this year's interservice wrestling competition here March 11 and 13.

Dremiel Byers' solid performance over a former Olympic and world champion, Marine Greg Gibson, was the most suspenseful and tense moment of the two-day event. The Army and Marines battled each other on even ground for the first five matches of their Greco-Roman competition and it fell to the last three matches to decide who would be champion.

Last year the Army team lost the championship on a technicality and they were determined not to let that happen again. It didn't start out well for the Army though as Marines Tim Mazzochi and Duaine Martin scored victories over their Army opponents, giveing their team a big boost at the start of the gold medal determining round.

Facing the very real possibility of getting blown away by an experienced and strong Marine team, the Army's Glenn Nieradka came through with a big win over Matthew Shirk.

That brought the Army team closer but the gap was immediately widened when the Marines Marcel Cooper won his match over Shon Lewis, one of the Army's strongest competitors, giving the Marines a 3-1 lead in individual victories. If the



Army's Dave Nieracka prepares to toss his opponent and get a big three interservice wrestling competition March 11 and Saturday at the Post Physical Research (1997).

Army was going to have any chance to win the team gold medal, they would need a victory by Keith Sieracki over Marine Patrick Owen — and that is just what they got. Sieracki's victory gave the Army a big lift and got them closer in the scoring, but the Marines followed that Army victory with two victories by William Carr and Dan Hicks. That gave the Marines a two point lead going into the final match between Byers and Gibson.

Byers went into the match knowing the odds were against him as he faced the Marine with the most experience in the tournament. Gibson has won on the military, national and international levels and he would be very difficult to beat.

Byers met the challenge even though he would have rather not been in that position. He was rooting for his teammate to win the match before his because he wanted to put the team goal ahead of his individual accomplishment.

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## Medina wins silver at boxing champi

#### by Walt Johnson Mountaineer staff

John Medina won a silver medal to cap off the 1999 U.S. Boxing Championships efforts for the Fort Carson World Class Athlete Program March 8-13 at the Olympic Training Center and Colorado College.

The championships bouts were a mixed deal for the Fort Carson team which wanted to use the game as a springboard to get fighters in line for a spot on the U.S. Olympic team.

While the world class team was representative at the bouts they didn't come away with the kind of success they would have liked. Still many of the fighters had a good tournament, as they gained valuable experience for the upcoming U.S. Nationals in June.

"I thought it was a lot of surprises in this tournament. There were a lot of number one ranked fighters who did not do well for one reason or another," World Class Athlete Program boxing coach Byron Moore said.

"One thing our fighters learned is we can compete with anyone in the world. We came up a few seconds short. A little more time and we would have had more representatives in the finals of this tournament. We will be a force to deal with in the nationals."

The results of the boxing matches are as follows:

March 8: 119 pounds: Jason Franco, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Aaron Garcia, Vista, Calif., 14-14 (77-72)

147 pounds: James Webb, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Miguel Espino, N. Hollywood, Calif., 18-9 201 pounds: Stanley McClain, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Benjamin Ott, Nevis, Minn., 13-12 156 pounds: Yamar Resto, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., won on walkover over Jason Aaker, E. Grand Forks, Minn., W/O

178 pounds: Devin Vargas, Toldeo, Ohio, won on disqualification over Olanda Anderson, Army/Ft. Carson, DQ-2 (1:46)

March 9: 106 pounds: Bradley Martinez, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Ramon Gonzales, Willimantic, Conn., 24-7

119 pounds: Jason Franco, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Jose Navarro, Milwaukee, Wis., 7-0

132 pounds: Marshall Christmas, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Frank Labuguen, Jonesville, Wis., 13-2 147 pounds: James Webb,

Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Walter Wright, Seattle, Wash., 16-5

165 pounds: Jeff Lacy, St. Petersburg, Fla., dec. Julius Fogle, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., 22-11

201 pounds: Jeremiah Muhammad, Houston, Texas, won on retirement over Samuel Brown,

Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., RET-2 (0:57) 201 pounds: Tony Scoggins, Marines/Camp Lejeune, N.C., dec. Stanley McClain, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., 5-5 (27-25)

112 pounds: John Medina, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Michael Weaver, Philadelphia, Pa., 12-9

125 pounds: Aaron Torres, Philadelphia, Pa., dec. Hong Gu, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., 28-13

139 pounds: Corey Bernard, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Robert Aucoin, Scott, La., 13-1

139 pounds: Reginald Smith, Army/Ft. Hood, Texas, dec. Nathan Vasquez, Swisher, Iowa, 27-16

156 pounds: Yamar Resto, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., Jason Bruno, Wilmington, N.C., 41-20

178 pounds: Deandrey Abron, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Derrick Sheppard, Fontana, Calif., 14-11

+201 pounds: Preston Hartzog, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Joel Anderson, Tempe, Ariz., 16-15

March 10: 106 pounds: Bradley Martinez, Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Aaron Todd, Troup, Texas, 23-4 119 pounds: Jason Franco,

Army/Ft. Carson, Colo., dec. Albert Villarruel, Jr., Air Force/Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas, 12-2

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#### **SPORTS & LEISURE**

## WCAP coach named as finalists for Olympic co

**USA Wrestling** 

World Class Athlete Program wrestling coach Derrick Waldroup was one of five finalist approved by the Board of Directors of USA Wrestling for the position of head coach for the 2000 U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling team, during its Board of Directors meetings in Dallas, Texas, Saturday.

The other finalist candidates for the position are Dan Chandler of Minneapolis, Minn., Joe DeMeo of Niskayuna, N.Y., Rob Hermann of Pensacola, Fla., and Dan Russell of Colorado Springs, Colo. The candidates were selected by the USA Wrestling Greco-Roman Coach Selection Committee, and were approved by the Board of Directors.

The coach who is selected to serve as the 2000 Olympic team head coach will also serve as the head coach for the 1999 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team, which will compete in Athens, Greece, Sept. 23-26.

Waldroup became the WCAP head coach in 1996, and the Army has won the Armed Forces overall title in wrestling every year that he has been head coach.

Waldroup has coached a number of U.S. teams on international tours, and has been a coach with the U.S. Military World team. When he was still competing, Waldroup was an

assistant coach for the U.S. Army team.

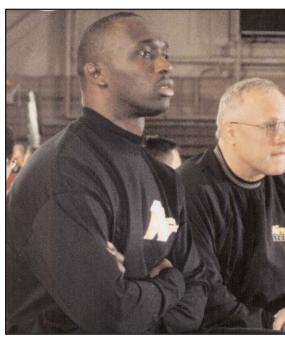
As an athlete, Waldroup placed seventh in Greco-Roman at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga. He competed on the 1986 and 1987 U.S. World teams, and claimed four U.S. National titles. He was a World Military champion in 1988 and won silver medals at two World Military Championships. He claimed a silver medal at the 1987 Pan American Games. Waldroup won two NJCAA junior college national titles for Triton JC.

Chandler was the head coach of the 1995 and 1997 U.S. Greco-Roman World teams. He works as the state coach for Minnesota USA Wrestling, coaching athletes of all ages.

DeMeo served as head coach of the 1994 and 1998 U.S. Greco-Roman World teams.

The 1994 World Team placed in a tie for seventh in the team standings and featured one medalist. The 1998 World Team finished eleventh with one medalist He is currently the Greco-Roman coach for the New York Athletic Club.

Hermann, the head coach of the all-Navy team, served as the head coach of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team, and the 1995 Pan American Games and head coach of the 1993



Derrick Waldroup, World Class Athlete P coach, left, and Anatoly Nazarenko, as wrestlers compete at the recent interse Post Physical Fitness Center March 11 a

U.S. World team. He also served as head coach of the 1990 Pan American Championships team and the 1992 World Cup team.

Russell is a club coach with Team Excel. and serves as an assistant coach with the U.S. Olympic Training Center resident athletes.

Each of the candidates will be interviewed by the Greco-Roman Coach Selection Committee in late March, and the committee will make

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#### **SPORTS & LEISURE**

#### Wrestling

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pounds.
In the
Greco-Roman

competition, four Army wrestlers won individual gold medals. Dave Nieradka at 127.75 pounds, Glenn

Nieradka at 138.75 pounds, Keith Sieracki at 167.5 pounds and Dremiel Byers at 286 pounds.

The Marines had two individual Greco-Roman champions. Marcel Cooper won the 152 pound free style

title, and Dan Hicks at 213.75 pounds. The Air Force's Aaron Sieracki at 187.25 pounds, and Steven Mays at 119 pounds were their team's lone gold medal winners.

Individual free style place winners:

54 kg/119 lbs. - Gold - Albarracin (Army); Silver - Mazzocchi (Marines) 58 kg/127.75 lbs. - Gold - Hey (Air Force); Silver - Martin (Marines) 63 kg/138.75 lbs. - Gold -Shillow (Marines); Silver - Carbaugh (Air Force)

69 kg/152 lbs. - Gold - Marcel Cooper (Marines); Silver - Torres (Army)

76 kg/167.5 lbs. - Gold - Owens
(Marines); Silver - Mahone (Navy)
85 kg/187.25 lbs. - Gold - Daniels
(Army); Silver - Sieracki (Air Force)
97 kg/213.75 lbs. - Gold - Black
(Army); Silver - Hicks (Marines)
130 kg/286 lbs. - Gold - Loukides
(Army); Silver - Farkas (Air Force)
Greco-Roman Individual place
winners

54 kg/ll9 lbs. - Gold - Mays (Navy); Silver - Cervone (Air Force); Bronze - Mazzocchi (Marines);

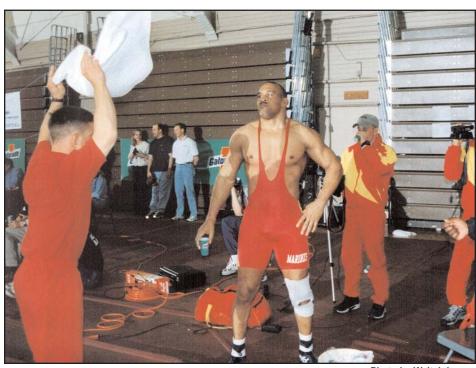


Photo by Walt Johnson

The Marine coaches try to cool down heavyweight wrestler Greg Gibson during a break in his heavyweight match.

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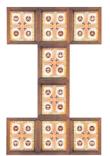
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Miramont Castle in Manitou Springs features nine styles of architecture.

#### Courtesy photo

## astle showcases history

story by Spc. Cecile Cromartie



nside the walls of

Castle,

hides in all its nooks and crannies. Nestled in the hills of Manitou Springs, the castle was constructed in 1895 and is an architectural hodgepodge of designs based on the vision of its original owner, Jean Baptiste Francolon.

A Catholic priest, Father Francolon originally Miramont Castle built as a home Marie Francolon. Francolon International

later encouraged the Sisters of Mercy to come to Manitou and use the castle as a sanitarium health-seekers. for bought the castle in 1904. After years of treating patients, the Sisters sold the castle in 1946, after realizing it was financially impossible to keep it open.

Today, the castle is open to Miramont the public due to the Manitou Springs Historical Society s history efforts to preserve Manitou s remarkable and precious Victorian heritage. Looking at the exterior of the castle, the nine different styles of architecture are noticeable and distinct. The castle has four levels and more than 40 rooms. With a secret passage that runs behind the wall on the second floor, this structure is known for its many facets

To see the many aspects of this castle, anyone who visits should be prepared to climb stairs and guide themselves on a tour. The first stop is the casfor himself and his mother, the s basement that houses The Museum



Photo by Spc. Cecile Cromartie

The formal dining room is furnished elegantly and offers a view of the mountains.

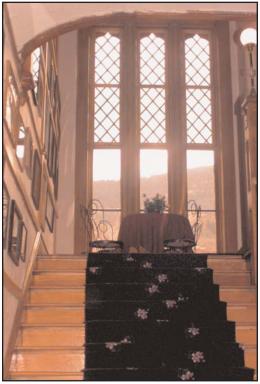


Photo by Spc. Cecile Cromartie Colorado's Rocky Mountains are visible through a Venetian Ogee window at the main staircase.

dollhouses and dolls that give visitors a small look into Manitou Springs history. Both intricate and extensive, each dollhouse exhibit depicts life in the Colorado Springs region as well as around the globe. After touring the museum of miniatures, step onto the burgundy car pet and walk upstairs to see the rest of the castle.

The first stop is the entrance alcove. While looking around, take notice of the reed organ and the brass clock that sover a century old and still works. The grand drawing room is next. The room contains a fireplace that weighs more than 400,000 pounds and extends 71/2 feet into the mountain behind the castle. With its dark, red walls the drawing room also contains a Victrola and a phonograph that is still funtional.

The tour continues with the formal dining room and the serving

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A pull-out section for the Fort Carson communi-March 19, 1999

## Restored castle provides look at another time

Castle From Page kitchen still contains a variety of products, in their original containers, used during the Victorian period. The kitchen had hot and cold water and electricity when it was built.

If a person continues to walk on the carpet and read the pamphlet, their next stop should be the castle s chapel. Once used a library by Father Francolon, the Sisters of Mercy used the room as a chapel. It seats up to 25 people and is still used for small weddings. The chapel is an eight-sided room with hard wood, Chevron-patterned floors. Possibly because of the Francolon s and Sisters of Mercy s love of music, a painting of the patron saint of music, Saint Cecilia, hangs above the chapel entrance. On a bright day, sunlight filters through the multi-colored, stained-glass windows and causes the chapel to glow.

Walking up the grand stair-case and stopping on the first landing, visitors can look through 16 feet high, wooden windows and see Manitou Springs Red Mountain. After getting an eye full of the surrounding landscape through some of the castle s fantastic windows, visitors are encouraged to see the solarium.

With its 18 foot high ceiling, the solarium could be considered the brightest room in the castle. Used by the Sisters of Mercy as an operating theater, the room was also once used as a greenhouse. Built with six sides, it is one of the many rooms that makes the castle famous for rarely having a room with the standard, four walls.

Before stepping back onto the carpet, take a look at the 16sided guest bedroom. It has a solid brass fireplace and, instead of a bed, it has a fainting couch. After visiting the quest room, there is much more



hoto by Spc. Cecile Cromartie

The Victorian era decor is framed by a nearly round archway.

to see including Marie Francolon s bed chamber and the servants quarters.

The final stop on the tour, the servants quarters and gift shop are located on the fourth floor. The items available for purchase are diverse and numerous in the gift shop. From key chains to slides of the castle, visitors can buy any kind of keepsake that will remind them of their visit.

Miramont Castle is open

To reach the castle, take I-25 to the Colorado Avenue exit, heading west to Manitou Springs. Take a left on Ruxton go up the hill, and watch for signs pointing the way to Miramont Castle. There are a few parking places near the entrance, or follow signs to the parking lot behind the castle. The terrain around the castle is steep, and there are stairs to climb.



Photo by Spc. Cecile Cromartie
A chapel in the castle seats 25.

#### Just the Facts

Travel time 25 minutes

For ages all

Type Restored castle

Fun factor \$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \quad (Out

of 5 stars)

Wallet damage \$ (Based on a family of four)

\$ = Less than \$20

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Photos by Spc. Cecile Cromartie

This large bedroom has an eight-wall design.

## Happenings

## Community Events

ACS

Army Community Services and Army Family Action Plan sponsor "A Couple's Journey" the third Thursday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Refreshments are provided. Call 526-4590 to confirm the free on-site child care slots.

Fort Carson Army Family Action Plan Conference is March 31. AFAP seeks volunteers and issues. Volunteers will serve as facilitators and delegates. Issues can be written prior to the conference and dropped off at Army Community Services, building 1526, or e-mailed to:

hilmanr@carson-exch1.army.mil . For more information call, 526-4590.

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program presents a resume workshop Wednesday, and April 7 and 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop covers a variety of resume styles that showcase skills and experience. For more information, call 526-0452.

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program offers a Standard Form 171 and Optional Form 612 workshop March 31 and April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. The SF 171 and OF 612 are the basic federal employment application forms. The workshop provides insight on completing applications. For registration or additional information, call 526-0452.

Army Family Team Building offers Level III AFTB (evening) training March 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 526-2382.

Army Community Services' Child Safety Programs presents "Living with 10 - 15 Year Olds." Four sessions are held at the Spiritual Fitness Center March 24 and 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. Session topics include: understanding development, risk-taking behavior, setting limits and talking about sex. Each session is independent, attendance of all four is not necessary. Call 526-4590 for more information or to register.

Army Community Services' New Parent Support Program offers a Mother's Support Group that meets every Thursday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. All mothers of a military family with children Army Career and Alumni Program and Pikes Peak Community College host a Spring job fair Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the PPCC south cafeteria. For more information, call 526-1002.

### Miscellaneous

Child and Youth Services offers the American Red Cross "Home Alone Safety Class" every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the youth center, building 5950 (on Ware Street.) This class is free and geared toward children 10 to 12 years of age. To register or for more information, call 526-2680 or 526-8220.

Defense Commissary Agency announces new operating hours for the Fort Carson commissary:

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Evans Army Community Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy closes for one day, March 27, for computer system upgrades.

Harmony in Motion, a vocal group which provides patriotic music for ceremonies, practices Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m. at Provider Chapel. Singers are needed. Contact Staff Sgt. Marquis Williams, at 526-6581 or 637-9208 for more information..

The Directorate of Public Works closes Specker Avenue for construction from Prussman Boulevard to Polio Street for one more week. Traffic is detoured to Wetzel Avenue (one block west.) For more information, call 526-9210.

The Directorate of Public Works paves the fitness trails in Iron Horse Park until the end of April. Signs and barricades indicate closed sections. For more information, call 526-9210.

Grant Post Library has tax forms to hand out along with federal 1040 and Colorado state tax booklets. Most state tax forms are available and can be copied for 10 cents/page at the library's copy machine. For more information, call 526-2350.

The Army Career and Alumni Program and Pikes Peak Community College host a Job Fair Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PPCC South Campus Cafeteria. For more information, call 526-1002.

The Directorate of Resource Management

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## Military Briefs

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Event Calendar is as follows:

Meetings: April 22, May 20, June 17, July 22 and Aug. 19. All meetings begin at 3 p.m.

**Quarter Boards:** 

3rd Quarter Board, April 30 at 3 p.m. 4th Quarter Board, Aug. 27 at 3 p.m.

**Induction Ceremonies:** 

2nd Quarter Board, April 23 at 1 p.m. 3rd Quarter Board, July 16 at 1 p.m. 4th Quarter Board, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m.

**Induction Ceremony Rehearsals:** April 21 and 22; July 14 and 15; and Oct. 13 and 14. All rehearsals are from 1 to 3 p.m.

Induction ceremonies and rehearsals are held at McMahon Theater. All other events are conducted in the main conference room of Fort Carson Headquarters, building 1430. For more information, call 526-2409.

Grant Post Library has paperback books available for units departing Fort Carson for training. Boxes of new, popular paperbacks (maneuver book kits) can be obtained easily — no paperwork or prior planning is required and the books do not need to be returned. The soldier responsible for the unit must come by, provide the name of the unit, the number of soldiers going to training and the length of time they will be gone. Call 526-8144 for more information.

Pre-Retirement Orientations are now held the second and third Wednesdays of every month at 8 a.m. in building 1218, room 221.

The Public Affairs Office is seeking a soldier with Web site maintenance experience who can be released from his or her unit for duty at the Public Affairs Office. For more information, call Maj. Greg Julian at 526-1269.

C Company, 64th Forward Support Battalion uses CS and smoke in training area 49 through today. For information, call 526-1197.

Enrollment in military correspondence courses is done electronically. Paper enrollment applications are no longer accepted. Enrollments in most military correspondence courses can be done from any computer with Internet access. The Web address is: <a href="www.atsc.army.mil/accp/accpenrol.htm">www.atsc.army.mil/accp/accpenrol.htm</a>. Training noncommissioned officers should contact Garry Fleming for enrollment procedures at 526-4121.

The Central Issue Facility closes March 26 for inventory. Normal hours resume March 29. Please remember children under the age of 17 are not authorized to be in CIF buildings. For more information, call 526-6477 or 526-4057.

The Fort Carson Safety Office conducts a Motorcycle Safety Course Tuesday in building 1117, room 309. The following items are required: motorcycle, driver's license, vehicle insurance, registration, closed finger gloves, leather boots, reflective vest and motorcycle helmet. For more information, call Curtis Faulk at 526-8044.

The Fort Carson Tax Center offers free tax service for servicemembers, family members and retirees. Refunds are possible in 10 to 20 days. The center offers answers to tax questions, forms, preparation of both state and federal tax forms and electronic filing. The center's hours of operation are Mondays through Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m., except federal or training holidays. The tax center is open on the following Saturdays: April 3 and 10. For more information, call 524-1012 or 524-1013.

Records Management will conduct MARKS classes April 21 and May 1 and 2. All classes are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in building 1550, classroom A. To attend, submit a memorandum with full name, rank, organization and point of contact with telephone number to Management Service Branch. Seating is limited. For more information, call Duane Gregorich at 526-2107; fax number, 524-1905.

To all units and directorates: When travelling to other installations such as Fort Hood, coordinate with the destination installation and request that a temporary vehicle be provided for you or your group while on post. If not feasible, put one person on temporary duty orders and rent a van to

transport the group. should be put on per not to be driven beyon

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The trail to the hut covers some intermediate terrain and requires the participant to have had some exposure to back-country skiing. Call the Information, Tour and Travel office at 526-5366 for more information.

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#### **Spring Break**

Looking for something for the children to do during Spring Break? The Children's Museum has daily workshops from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for children ages 5-12, Monday through March 26. Extended childcare is available by arrangement. Daily workshops are \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Lunch and snacks are provided. Call the Children's Museum at 574-0077 for information. The Children's Museum is located in the upper level of the Citadel Mall, next to J.C. Penney.

#### **Dinosaur Depot**

The Dinosaur Depot, 330 Royal Gorge Blvd., in Canon City, is now booking tours of the museum for groups of seven or more. Tours for March, April and May are going fast. The Dinosaur Depot laboratory allows visitors to watch work in progress on fossil material from the Garden Park area near Canon City.

The work currently in progress is on Tony's Tree, a fossilized tree from the Jurassic Age. For

information or to book a tour, call (800) 987-6379.

#### Candy open house

Anyone who has a sweet tooth can take advantage of the annual open house at Patsy's Candies March 26 and 27, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Take a behind-the-scenes look at the art of candy making, or purchase Easter goodies. The open house benefits the March of Dimes, and a suggested donation of \$1 per person is asked. Patsy's Candies is located at 1540 S. 21st St.

#### **Garden of the Gods lectures**

"Archaeology of the Garden of the Gods" is the subject of the 1 p.m. lecture at the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center Sunday at 1 p.m. The cost is \$2 per family.

#### **Folk Ballet**

Sponsored by the Imagination Celebration and Dancequest, 40 young local dancers and their parents will kick up their heels in a historic Colorado folk ballet. "Sweet Betsy from Pike" tells the story of the pioneer days of Colorado Springs. The event is at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Saturday, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door, or call 596-1134.

#### Classic guitar

A young classical guitarist performs a solo

recital at the Colora W. Dale St. Tickets students at the 7:30 5583 for informatio

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